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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### CHOLMONDELEY SOUND TROLL FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that Cholmondeley Sound will be closed to the retention of chum salmon in the troll fishery south of 55°16.42' N. latitude, located at the southernmost tip of Chasina Island, effective 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

The department has a Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) of 30,000 to 48,000 chums for Lagoon Creek and Disappearance Creek combined, which are the two main fall chum systems in the Sound. Normal run timing to these systems begins at the end of August to the first of September and peaks in late September to middle October.

In recent years, the department has considered the Cholmondeley Sound fall chum population to be in the rebuilding stage after poor returns from 2005 to 2007. Due to these concerns, the department instituted a 3-year weir project on Disappearance Creek from 2008-2010. Escapements rebounded in 2010, and in 2011 the department developed a fall chum management plan to encompass all gear groups. Under this plan the department will open a short purse seine fishery in District 2 during the second week of September. The department does not plan to allow commercial fishing inside Cholmondeley Sound until minimum chum salmon escapement goals are met. Once minimum escapement goals are satisfied, openings inside Cholmondeley Sound targeting excess chum salmon will be scheduled for the troll and purse seine fleets.

The department plans to conduct a fall chum fishery in District 2 beginning around September 8. Information on this fishery will be announced on or around September 4.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6512.

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